



MONTHLY ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

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### **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

#### Acronyms:

BGA Banana Growers' Association Belize Sugar Industries Limited BSI

BTB Belize Tourism Board CARICOM Caribbean Community CBB Central Bank of Belize

CDB Caribbean Development Bank Citrus Growers' Association CGA COVID-19 Coronavirus Disease 2019

Citrus Products of Belize Limited CPBL

Consumer Price Index CPI GDP Gross Domestic Product

**IBRD** International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Inter-American Development Bank IDB

MOF Ministry of Finance

Statistical Institute of Belize SIB UHS Universal Health Services

US **United States** 

#### **Abbreviations and Conventions:**

\$ the Belize dollar unless otherwise stated

billion bn basis point bp million mn pound solids ps

TC/TS long tons cane to long ton sugar

Y-o-Y year-on-year YTD year-to-date

#### **Notes:**

- Since May of 1976, the Belize dollar has been fixed to the US dollar at the rate of 1. US\$1.00 = BZ\$2.00.
- 2. The 2022 figures in this report are provisional and the figures for 2021 have been
- 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the Central Bank of Belize is the source of all tables and charts.
- Ratios to GDP for 2022 are based on GDP estimates from the Central Bank of Belize. 4.

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### **Summary of Economic Indicators**

### **Money Supply**

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February 2022

+0.7%

YTD change on December 2021

### **Net Foreign Assets**

February 2022

+2.4%

YTD change on December 2021

### **Net Domestic Credit**

February 2022

+0.2%

YTD change on December 2021

### **Liquidity and Interest Rates**

#### **Excess Cash**

February 2022

\$410.2mn

-1.3% change on December 2021

### **New Deposit Rates**

February 2022

2.08%

-8 bps change on September 2021

### **New Lending Rates**

February 2022

8.7%

+16 bps change on September 2021

### **Real Sector and Reserve Import Coverage**

#### **GDP**

October - December 2021

+14.8%

Y-o-Y change on the same quarter of the previous year

#### CPI

February 2022

+4.3%

YTD change on the same period of the previous year

# Stay-Over Visitors

January - February 2022

53,202

**+265.2%** YTD change on the same period of the previous year

### **Domestic Exports**

January - February 2022

\$45.6mn

**-2.1%** YTD change on the same period of the previous year

### **Gross Imports**

January - February 2022

\$408.6mn

**+47.8%** YTD change on the same period of the previous year

# Reserve Import Coverage

February 2022

4.3

months equivalent of merchandise imports

### **Central Government Operations and Public Debt**

### **Primary Surplus**

April - September 2021

\$5.7mn

**0.2% of GDP** for the first half of the fiscal year

### **Domestic Debt**

January - February 2022

-\$0.1mn

**\$1,315.7mn** at February-end, 36.6% of GDP

### **External Debt**

January - February 2022

-\$2.9mn

**\$2,674.2mn** at February-end, 74.4% of GDP

#### **Overview**

#### Money and Credit

- Although money supply expanded by 0.7% over the first two months of 2022, its growth pace decelerated slightly when compared to the 1.3% increase during the same period of 2021. The marginal growth was attributable to increases in the net foreign assets of domestic banks and credit to the Central Government (net), as the Central Bank's net foreign assets dipped and lending to the private sector contracted.
- The net foreign assets of the banking system expanded by \$33.9mn (2.4%) to \$1,478.2mn for the year to date. This performance reflected a \$36.1mn expansion in domestic banks' net foreign assets to a month-end high of \$632.6mn, supported by heightened transactions in the external sector (such as merchandise exports, tourism, and remittances) due in part to the reopening of the economy. Meanwhile, the Central Bank's net foreign asset holdings contracted by \$2.2mn to \$845.5mn, as a falloff in foreign currency inflows from external loan disbursement proceeds was compounded by a slight pickup in outflows on behalf of Central Government to cover overseas payments.
- Net domestic credit inched up by \$6.6mn over the two-month period to \$3,055.3mn. The credit expansion was supported by a \$16.2mn increase in net lending to Central Government, as loans and advances supplied by domestic banks to other state-owned entities and the private sector contracted by \$0.5mn and \$9.0mn, respectively.
- In other credit developments, aggregate credit union lending contracted by \$7.5mn to \$629.9mn for the year to date. The most notable declines in outstanding balances were recorded in the personal (\$3.7mn), construction (\$2.3mn), and real estate (\$1.7mn) loan categories.
- Liquidity conditions remained buoyant. Domestic banks' excess liquid assets expanded by \$23.7mn to \$722.0mn, rising to 95.5% above the secondary reserve requirement. Meanwhile, excess cash reserves edged down by \$5.4mn to \$410.2mn, hovering at 175.3% above the primary (cash) reserve requirement.
- Lending rates continued on an upward trajectory. The 12-month (rolling) weighted average interest rate on new loans rose by 16 basis points to 8.70% between September 2021 and February 2022, with rate hikes across all major loan categories. Concurrently, the corresponding rate on new deposits fell by eight basis points to 2.08%.

#### **Real Sector Developments**

- Imports grew by \$132.8mn or 47.8% year-on-year to \$408.6mn from January through February. Although outlays rose across all major categories of goods, heightened spending on free zone goods, fuel, and electricity, alongside machinery and transport equipment, together accounted for nearly four-fifths of the overall increase. In contrast, exports contracted by \$1.0mn or 2.1% to \$45.6mn, weighed down by declines in sugar and citrus export receipts.
- Stimulated by the easing of travel restrictions amid the emergence of a highly transmissible Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) variant, Omicron, stay-over visitors increased by 18.2% month-on-month and 278.2% year-on-year to 53,202 visitors for the year to date. Additionally, cruise ship sailings continued to strengthen with 85,368 disembarkations for the first two months of the year.
- The consumer price index rose by 1.1% month-on-month in February, while averaging a 4.3% increase over the first two months of 2022. Price increases related to imported fuel, liquefied petroleum gas, and food items elevated the average price level.

#### **Public Debt**

• The total public sector debt contracted by \$3.0mn to \$3,989.8mn (111.1% of GDP). The marginal reduction in outstanding claims reflected a \$2.9mn decline in the public sector external debt to \$2,674.2mn (74.4% of GDP) and a \$0.1mn dip in Central Government's domestic debt to \$1,315.7mn (36.6% of GDP).

### 1 Money and Credit

#### **Money Supply**

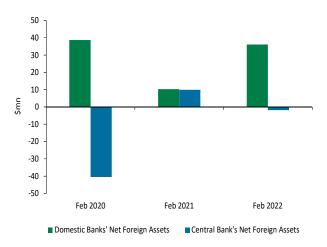
For the first two months of 2022, money supply growth slowed to 0.7% relative to the 1.3% increase registered in the same period of last year. Increases in domestic banks' net foreign assets and credit to Central Government (net) were responsible for the uptick in money.

#### **Net Foreign Assets**

The net foreign assets of the banking system grew by \$33.9mn (2.4%) to \$1,478.2mn at the end of February 2022. Domestic banks alone accounted for this improvement as their net foreign currency holdings rose by \$36.1mn (6.1%) over the year to date to a new month-end high of \$632.6mn. Upturns tourism earnings and commercial free zone re-exports, stimulated by the easing of border and health restrictions, contributed significantly to the foreign asset accumulation. In addition, revenues from business process outsourcing services and inward remittances continued to strengthen into the new year. However, the upswing in foreign currency inflows was tempered by heightened outlays on imported goods (including oil) and profit repatriation by non-bank enterprises.

Conversely, the Central Bank's net foreign assets dipped by \$2.2mn over the two-month period to \$845.5mn. This outcome resulted as the Central Bank's gross foreign currency inflows contracted by 18.1% or \$7.0mn to \$32.0mn. Inflows narrowed due to a \$13.0mn falloff in external loan disbursement receipts, moderated by modest increases in grants and sugar receipts, amounting to

**Chart 1.1:** Change in Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System



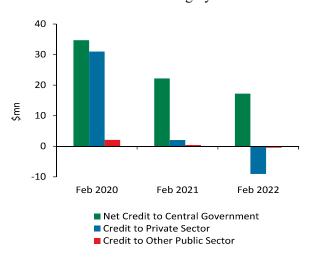
\$1.5mn and \$1.8mn, respectively. Gross foreign currency outflows also declined but by a significantly lesser margin of 1.6% to \$28.4mn. Outflows slid because of a \$2.3mn decline in miscellaneous foreign currency payments, as outlays on behalf of Central Government, mostly to meet debt service payments, rose by \$1.9mn to \$22.9mn. Consequently, the gross official international reserves decreased by \$6.8mn to \$823.3mn, the equivalent of 4.3 months of import coverage.

#### **Net Domestic Credit**

Net domestic credit increased by \$6.6mn (0.2%) to \$3,055.3mn over the year to date. The marginal credit growth was driven by increased lending to Central Government (net) as credit to the private sector and other state-owned enterprises declined.

Net credit to Central Government increased by \$16.2mn (2.4%) to \$704.5mn. Financing from the Central Bank amounted to \$49.5mn the purchase of an additional

**Chart 1.2:** Change in Net Domestic Credit of the Banking System

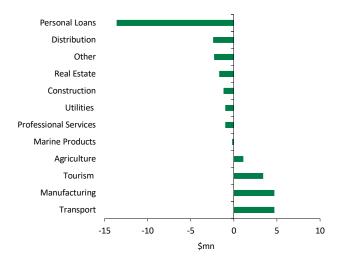


\$31.1mn in Government securities, and Central Government withdrew \$17.5mn from its deposits. However, domestic banks' credit to Central Government (net) plunged by \$32.4mn. Domestic banks' claims fell as these institutions surrendered \$27.6mn in Treasury bills (T-bills), and Central Government pulled \$4.8mn from its deposits.

Meanwhile, bank lending to other public sector entities declined by \$0.5mn to \$43.4mn. This downturn reflected local governments' net repayments of \$0.8mn, which was partially offset by net disbursements of \$0.2mn to statutory bodies.

Credit to the private sector contracted by \$9.0mn to \$2,307.3mn. Domestic banks' outstanding loan balances fell as increases in net disbursements for manufacturing (\$4.7mn), transport (\$4.7mn), and tourism (\$3.4mn) activities were overshadowed by decreases in outstanding balances for personal loans (\$13.6mn) and, to a lesser

Chart 1.3: Change in Domestic Banks' Loans



extent, several other economic categories. Concurrently, loan write-offs more than halved to \$2.9mn compared to the \$7.0mn recorded over the same two months of 2021. Write-offs were applied mainly against personal (\$0.8mn) and tourism (\$1.2mn) loans.

#### **Bank Liquidity**

Liquidity conditions in the banking system remained buoyant with the strengthening of domestic banks' foreign currency holdings. During the two-month period, domestic

**Chart 1.4:** Excess Statutory Liquidity

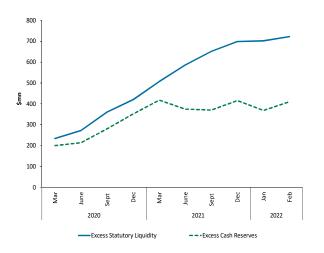


Chart 1.5: Weighted Average Interest Rates on New Loans and Deposits



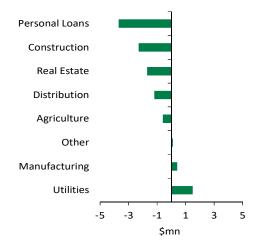
banks' excess liquid assets increased by \$23.7mn to \$722.0mn, rising to 95.5% above the secondary reserve requirement. Notwithstanding, aggregate excess cash reserves shrank by \$5.4mn to \$410.2mn, standing 175.3% above the primary (cash) reserve requirement.

#### **Interest Rates**

At 8.70%, the 12-month (rolling) weighted average interest rate on new loans nudged up by one basis point over the month and by 16 basis points over the last six months, dating back to September 2021. The upward trend over the semester reflected the impact of heightened rates across the four loan categories. Accordingly, modest rate hikes of 60, 17, six, and five basis points were recorded in the residential construction, personal, commercial, and 'other' loan categories, respectively.

At 2.08%, the corresponding rate for new deposits increased by three basis points month-on-month in February but fell by eight basis points between September 2021

**Chart 1.6:** Change in Credit Unions' Loans



and February 2022. Consequently, the weighted average spread over the six-month period widened by 25 basis points to 6.63%.

#### **Credit Union Lending**

In other credit developments, aggregate credit union lending fell by \$7.5mn for the first two months of 2022 to \$629.9mn. With dips in majority of the loan categories, net repayments were more significant in the personal (\$3.7mn), construction (\$2.3mn), and real estate (\$1.7mn) groupings. Loan write-offs summed to \$1.9mn over the year to date.

### 2 Real Sector Developments

#### **Commodity Production**

Production of the country's major export commodities reflected a mixed performance in the primary sector. Whereas improvements in sugar, molasses, and banana production were supported by favourable weather, citrus yields continued to be hindered by greening. Fisheries and aquaculture production were down as well.

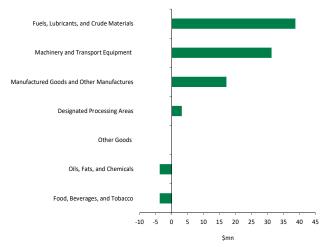
#### **Domestic Exports**

Domestic exports contracted by \$1.0mn or 2.1% for the year to date to \$45.6mn. A drop in sugar and citrus juice receipts caused the dip in revenues as receipts from the other three major categories of exports—banana, marine products, and other domestic exports—grew.

#### **Gross Imports**

Driven by increases in demand, energy costs, and international shipping rates, the country's import bill continued to mount. For the first two months of the year, gross imports stood 47.8% higher than in the same period of 2021, expanding by \$132.2mn to \$408.6mn. The "Commercial" Free Zone" category rose by the widest margin, up \$41.5mn over the previous period when storefronts were closed during the first month of 2021. Next, "Machinery and Transport Equipment" grew by \$31.3mn, lifted by higher outlays on items such as food slicers, aircraft engines, and motor vehicles. Additionally, "Fuels, Lubricants, and Crude Materials" increased by \$29.3mn, owing to elevated fuel costs and a near-doubling in electricity imports. All other major categories expanded by varying margins

**Chart 2.1:** Change in Gross Imports



Source: SIB

except for "Food, Beverages, and Tobacco," which contracted by \$3.7mn because of a sharp reduction in beer and cigarette imports for transshipment to neighbouring countries.

#### **Tourist Arrivals**

Stay-over arrivals increased by 18.2% month-on-month to 28,824 visitors in February, as COVID-19-infection rates trended downward in February following a surge in cases linked to the Omicron variant the month before. This outcome caused arrivals to more than double to 53,202 visitors over the year to date relative to the same period of 2021. Nevertheless, the visitor count remained 41.8% below the 91,344 visitors recorded during the same period of 2020 before the first case of the virus was confirmed onshore and pandemic-related travel restrictions were implemented.

After the recommencement of cruise ship sails in July 2021, sailings to Belize have

Chart 2.2: Tourist Arrivals

300,000
250,000
200,000
150,000
Jan - Feb 2020
Jan - Feb 2021

Stay-over Visitors

Cruise Ship Arrivals

Sources: BTB, CBB, and Immigration and Nationality Department.

gradually picked up. In February, port calls rose by 9 to 41, while disembarkations increased by 23.5% compared to the previous month. For the first two months of 2022, cruise ship arrivals amounted to 94,854 disembarkations from 73 ships, comprising 56 anchorages at the Fort Street Tourism Village Port and 17 dockings at the Harvest Caye Port.

#### **Consumer Price Index**

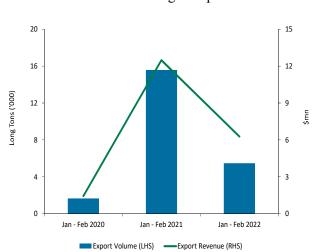
The consumer price index rose 1.1% month-on-month in February and 4.3% on average for the first two months of 2022. Upward price pressure stemmed mainly from the pass-through effects of heightened imported fuel, gas, food, and freight costs. For the year to date, rising fuel prices were responsible for a 16.2% hike in the "Transport" index, while upticks in liquefied petroleum gas costs pushed "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels" up 2.0%. Additionally, "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" grew by 3.1%, reflecting upward price movements of poultry, cereals, and

cooking oils. Underscoring the breadth of prevailing cost pressures, more minor upticks were recorded in all other subindices, except for "Information and Communication," "Insurance and Financial Services," and "Education."

#### Sugarcane and Sugar

Sugarcane deliveries continued to grow strongly in response to favourable harvesting weather in the northern and western regions of the country. For the crop year to date (December 2021 to February 2022), sugarcane deliveries rose by 10.3% to 448,564 long tons, driving sugar production up 16.3% to 42,001 long tons.

In the north, sugarcane deliveries expanded by 1.1% year-on-year to 303,930 long tons despite a 1.6% month-on-month dip in February, owing to a slower grinding rate. However, cane quality and factory efficiency improvements spurred a 9.0% year-on-year increase in sugar production to 30,688 long tons. Consequently, the long tons cane to long ton sugar ratio (TC/TS) strengthened



**Chart 2.3:** Sugar Exports

Sources: BSI and Santander Group

by 7.3% to 9.9. Molasses production rose by 17.0% to 9,349 long tons.

In the west, deliveries for the first two months of harvest (January and February) rose by 36.7% compared to the previous crop year to 144,633 long tons. Sugar production expanded by a wider margin of 42.0% to 11,313 long tons, as a marginal uptick in cane purity neutralised a modest downturn in factory time efficiency. Hence, the TC/TS ratio improved by 3.8% to 12.8. Molasses production expanded by 38.6% to 4,792 long tons.

For the first two months of 2022, sugar exports lagged last year's schedule, as they fell to roughly one-third of the previous period's export volume at 5,477 long tons. Reflecting firmer prices, the falloff in sugar export receipts was somewhat less severe, down 49.7%, garnering \$6.3mn. The majority of shipments went to Europe. Sales to that continent (including the United Kingdom and Spain) amounted to 3,952 long

tons or 72.1% of total export volume, valued at \$4.5mn. The balance was distributed between the Caribbean and United States (US), which purchased 1,476 long tons and 49 long tons, respectively, valued at \$1.8mn altogether.

#### Citrus

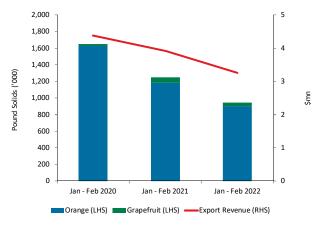
Citrus deliveries to the fruit processor contracted by 23.5% to 479,407 boxes for the 2021/2022 crop year to date (October 2021–February 2022). This decline was due to a 31.3% reduction in orange deliveries to 366,164 boxes of fruit. Meanwhile, grapefruit deliveries expanded by 21.1% to 113,243 boxes, softening the overall decline.

In tandem, citrus juice production fell by 25.8% to 2.5mn pounds solid (ps) after fruit quality was further squeezed by widespread citrus greening. Orange juice production plunged 32.2% to 2.0mn ps, with juice yields down 1.3% to 5.6 ps. In contrast, grapefruit juice production expanded by

400 320 240 80 0 Ct Nov Dec Jan Feb

**Chart 2.4:** Citrus Deliveries

Chart 2.5: Citrus Juice Exports



Source: CPBL

Source: CPBL

31.5% to 0.4mn ps, supplemented by an 8.6% improvement in juice outturn to 3.9 ps.

From January to February, citrus juice export volume contracted 24.3% 944,427 ps. However, the falloff in revenue was eased by a strengthening in orange and grapefruit concentrate prices. Hence, citrus export receipts contracted by a lesser margin of 16.7% to \$3.3mn. Orange concentrate sales accounted for the bulk of product sales, totalling 0.9mn ps valued at \$3.2mn. The Caribbean acquired 99.0% of the orange concentrate sold, equivalent to 0.9mn ps, netting \$3.0mn. Grapefruit concentrate exports, which raised \$0.2mn, went to the Caribbean (20.2%) and Asia (78.8%).

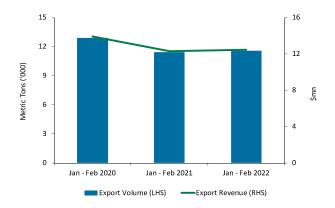
#### Banana

Having fully recovered from hurricane damages the year before, banana production increased by 1.1% year-on-year to 11,547 metric tons for the first two months of 2022. In consonance, export revenues inched up 1.4% to \$12.5mn.

#### **Marine Exports**

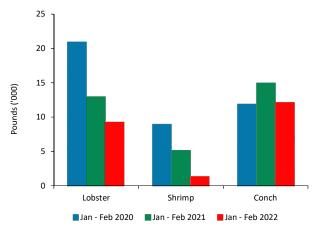
Marine exports shrank by 31.1% over the two-month period to 227,141 pounds, with conch, lobster, and farmed shrimp exports slipping by 18.9%, 28.2%, and 73.8%, respectively. Nevertheless, increased foreign demand for lobster, farmed shrimp, and conch boosted prices by 54.1%, 73.7%, and 31.7%, respectively. In turn, marine export receipts grew by 6.6% to \$6.3mn.

**Chart 2.6:** Banana Exports



Source: BGA

**Chart 2.7:** Marine Export Volume

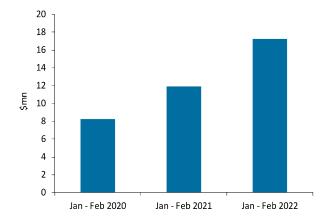


Source: SIB

#### **Other Domestic Exports**

Other domestic exports rose by 44.6% or \$5.3mn to \$17.3mn for the year to date. The strong performance reflected heightened sales of animal feed (\$2.7mn), rum (\$1.3mn), cattle (\$0.6mn), and crude oil (\$0.3mn), which were partly offset by downturns in pepper sauce (\$0.4mn), sawn wood (\$0.2mn), and fresh oranges (\$0.1mn).

**Chart 2.8:** Other Domestic Exports



Source: SIB

#### 3 Central Government Finance

Information on Central Government's Operations after September 2021 is not available.

#### **Central Government Domestic Debt**

During the first two months of 2022, Central Government's domestic debt remained relatively stable, dipping by only \$0.1mn to \$1,315.7mn. This minor downtick reflected small amortisation payments to the Social Security Board and Fort Street Tourism Village.

Interest payments totalled \$7.5mn. Of this amount, the Central Bank received \$4.1mn in interest income on its securities holdings, while domestic banks and non-bank entities earned \$0.8mn and \$2.6mn, respectively.

The Central Bank remained Central Government's primary source of domestic financing two months into the new year. The Central Bank's share of Central Government's domestic debt rose by 2.4 percentage points to 48.8%. This increase

**Chart 3.1:** Distribution of Central Government's Domestic Debt

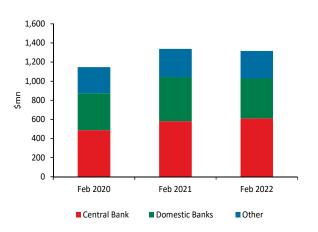
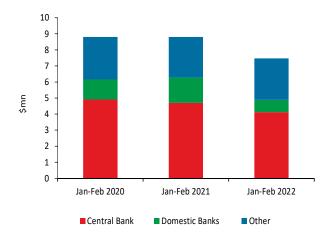


Chart 3.2: Distribution of Interest Payments on Central Government's Domestic Debt



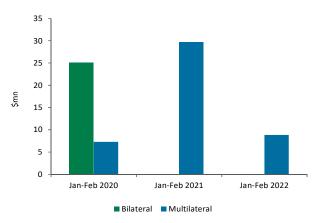
was driven by a \$31.0mn increase in T-bill purchases in three rollover auctions to date. Concurrently, the shares held by the domestic banks and non-bank entities contracted by 2.1 and 0.3 percentage points to 29.6% and 21.6%, respectively, after lessening their T-bill holdings. Notably, secondary market activity for Treasury notes was minimal.

#### **Public Sector External Debt**

The public sector's external debt fell marginally, down \$2.9mn (0.1%) to \$2,674.2mn for the first two months of 2022. This outcome resulted as principal repayments and downward valuation adjustments exceeded new disbursements.

External disbursements to the public sector totalled \$9.5mn. Approximately 93.2% or \$8.8mn went to Central Government, which received disbursements from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) and OPEC Fund for International Development.

Chart 3.3: External Disbursements to Central Government by Creditor Type



The proceeds were used to finance several projects, including:

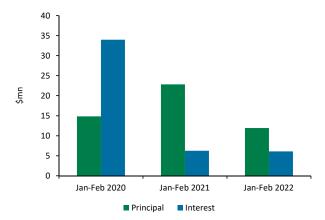
- the Belize Education Sector Reform Programme,
- the Philip Goldson Highway and Remate Bypass Upgrading Project,
- the Coastal Road Upgrading Project, and
- the Caracol Road Upgrading Project.

In the non-financial public sector, the Belize Electricity Limited drew down \$0.6mn from CDB to fund its ongoing Electricity System Upgrade and Expansion Project. Meanwhile, no new disbursements were made to the financial public sector.

Loan repayments amounted to \$11.9mn. Central Government repaid \$8.4mn, comprising \$0.7mn to Kuwait and \$7.7mn to multilateral creditors, including \$6.1mn to CDB. In addition, the non-financial and financial public sectors made repayments of \$3.0mn and \$0.5mn, respectively.

Interest and other payments, all of which went to multilateral and bilateral creditors,

**Chart 3.4:** External Debt Service Payments



summed to \$6.1mn. Central Government's interest payments amounted to \$4.5mn; the non-financial public sector, \$1.3mn; and the financial public sector, \$0.4mn.

## **Statistical Appendix**

**Table A.1:** Factors Responsible for Money Supply Movements<sup>(1)</sup>

|  |                               |                            |                            | \$mn                       |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |                               | C                          | hanges Duri                | ng                         |
|  | Position<br>as at<br>Feb 2022 | Jan 2022<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2021<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2020<br>to<br>Feb 2021 |
| Net Foreign Assets                           | 1,478.2                       | 31.1                       | 33.9                       | 20.2                       |
| Central Bank                                 | 845.5                         | 8.6                        | -2.2                       | 10.0                       |
| Domestic Banks                               | 632.6                         | 22.5                       | 36.1                       | 10.3                       |
| Net Domestic Credit                          | 3,055.3                       | 12.9                       | 6.6                        | 24.7                       |
| Central Government (Net)                     | 704.5                         | 20.9                       | 16.2                       | 22.3                       |
| Other Public Sector                          | 43.4                          | -0.2                       | -0.5                       | 0.4                        |
| Private Sector                               | 2,307.3                       | -8.0                       | -9.0                       | 2.0                        |
| Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Long-term) | 121.3                         | 0.3                        | -0.4                       | 0.0                        |
| Other Items (Net)                            | 416.2                         | 8.6                        | 14.9                       | -2.2                       |
| Money Supply (M2)                            | 3,996.0                       | 35.0                       | 27.4                       | 47.2                       |

<sup>(1)</sup> Transactions associated with the Universal Health Services (UHS) loan with the Belize Bank Limited are not included in this table.

Table A.2: Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System

|  |                               |                            |                            | \$mn |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------|
|  |                               | Cha                        | inges Durin                | ıg   |
|  | Position<br>as at<br>Feb 2022 | Jan 2022<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2021<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | to   |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System             | 1,478.2                       | 31.1                       | 33.9                       | 20.2 |
| Net Foreign Assets of the Central Bank               | 845.5                         | 8.6                        | -2.2                       | 10.0 |
| Central Bank Foreign Assets                          | 853.4                         | 14.3                       | 2.9                        | 9.9  |
| Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Demand)            | 7.9                           | 5.7                        | 5.1                        | -0.1 |
| Net Foreign Assets of Domestic Banks                 | 632.6                         | 22.5                       | 36.1                       | 10.3 |
| Domestic Banks' Foreign Assets                       | 674.7                         | 17.9                       | -8.4                       | 21.5 |
| Domestic Banks' Foreign Liabilities (Short-<br>term) | 42.1                          | -4.7                       | -44.5                      | 11.2 |

Table A.3: Central Bank's Foreign Asset Flows

|                    |                   | \$mn              |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                    | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
| Total Inflows      | 39.0              | 32.0              |
| Loan Disbursements | 24.7              | 11.7              |
| Grants             | 1.9               | 3.4               |
| Sugar Receipts     | 11.0              | 12.8              |
| Banks              | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| IMF SDR Allocation | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| Other              | 1.4               | 4.1               |
| Total Outflows     | 28.9              | 28.4              |
| Central Government | 21.0              | 22.9              |
| Banks              | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| Other              | 7.9               | 5.6               |

Table A.4: Major Sources of Foreign Currency Inflows Into Domestic Banks

|  |                   |                   | \$mn   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
|  | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 | Change |
| Goods                                  | 31.5              | 64.6              | 33.0   |
| Of which: Commercial Free Zone         | 3.7               | 30.3              | 26.5   |
| Of which: Major Exports                | 22.6              | 29.0              | 6.4    |
| Services                               | 147.4             | 265.9             | 118.4  |
| Of which: Tourism                      | 67.2              | 168.0             | 100.7  |
| Of which: Business Process Outsourcing | 16.9              | 31.3              | 14.3   |
| Of which: Remittance Services          | 17.9              | 20.5              | 2.6    |
| Current Transfers                      | 22.3              | 25.2              | 2.9    |
| Financial Inflows                      | 91.9              | 134.8             | 42.9   |
| Of which: Foreign Direct Investments   | 18.3              | 19.0              | 0.7    |
| Total                                  | 293.2             | 490.5             | 197.3  |

\$mn

Table A.5: Net Domestic Credit

**Changes During Position** Jan 2022 Dec 2021 Dec 2020 as at to to to Feb 2022 Feb 2022 Feb 2022 Feb 2021 Total Credit to Central Government 940.5 4.0 3.5 23.3 From Central Bank 642.3 30.0 31.1 17.5 Loans and Advances 0.0 0.0 0.0 18.4 Government Securities(1) 642.3 30.0 -0.9 31.1 From Domestic Banks 298.2 -26.0 -27.6 5.8 Loans and Advances 0.0 0.0 0.0 -3.8 **Government Securities** 298.2 -27.6 5.8 -26.0 Of which: Treasury bills(2) 140.0 -26.0 -27.6 5.8 Treasury notes 158.2 0.0 0.0 0.0 Other 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 -12.7 Less Central Government Deposits 236.0 -16.9 1.0 With Central Bank 154.3 -21.4 -17.5 -5.7 With Domestic Banks 81.7 4.5 4.8 6.7 Net Credit to Central Government 704.5 20.9 16.2 22.3 Credit to Other Public Sector 43.4 -0.1 -0.5 0.4 From Central Bank 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 From Domestic Banks -0.5 0.3 43.4 -0.1 Of which: Local Government 7.4 -0.2 -0.8 4.3 Public Financial Institutions 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

18.0

1.8

16.1

2,307.3

2,281.2

3,055.3

26.1

0.0

0.0

0.0

-8.0

-7.9

-0.1

12.9

**Public Utilities** 

Securities

Net Domestic Credit of the Banking System<sup>(3)</sup>

Plus Credit to the Private Sector

Loans and Advances

Securities

Other Statutory Bodies

0.0

0.2

0.0

-9.0

-8.8

-0.3

6.6

-4.0

0.0

0.0

2.0

2.0

0.0

24.7

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Central Bank's holdings of Government Treasury bills and Treasury notes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Treasury bill holdings reported by domestic banks reflect a mix of par and market values.

<sup>(3)</sup> Values may not equal to total due to rounding.

Table A.6: Sectoral Composition of Domestic Banks' Loans and Advances

|                                  |                               |                            |                            | \$mn                       |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
|                                  | Changes During                |                            |                            |                            |  |
|                                  | Position<br>as at<br>Feb 2022 | Jan 2022<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2021<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2020<br>to<br>Feb 2021 |  |
| PRIMARY SECTOR                   | 252.6                         | 0.0                        | 0.8                        | 4.1                        |  |
| Agriculture                      | 222.3                         | -0.2                       | 1.1                        | 4.0                        |  |
| Sugar                            | 97.6                          | 3.0                        | 2.9                        | -0.2                       |  |
| Citrus                           | 17.8                          | 0.8                        | 0.8                        | 0.1                        |  |
| Bananas                          | 48.3                          | -0.6                       | -0.4                       | 1.4                        |  |
| Other                            | 58.6                          | -3.4                       | -2.2                       | 2.7                        |  |
| Marine Products                  | 24.3                          | 0.2                        | -0.2                       | 0.4                        |  |
| Forestry                         | 1.3                           | 0.1                        | 0.0                        | -0.1                       |  |
| Mining and Exploration           | 4.7                           | -0.1                       | -0.1                       | -0.2                       |  |
| SECONDARY SECTOR                 | 630.7                         | 1.2                        | 2.5                        | -2.9                       |  |
| Manufacturing                    | 69.7                          | 4.5                        | 4.7                        | -1.6                       |  |
| <b>Building and Construction</b> | 522.2                         | -2.4                       | -1.2                       | 2.6                        |  |
| Utilities                        | 38.8                          | -0.9                       | -1.0                       | -3.9                       |  |
| TERTIARY SECTOR                  | 915.8                         | -2.4                       | 0.8                        | 10.6                       |  |
| Transport <sup>(1)</sup>         | 53.6                          | -0.3                       | 4.7                        | -8.3                       |  |
| Tourism                          | 290.1                         | 0.7                        | 3.4                        | 9.7                        |  |
| Distribution                     | 168.8                         | -0.1                       | -2.4                       | 0.9                        |  |
| Real Estate                      | 325.5                         | -1.2                       | -1.7                       | -1.2                       |  |
| Professional Services(1)         | 65.2                          | -1.2                       | -1.0                       | 9.4                        |  |
| Other <sup>(2)</sup>             | 12.6                          | -0.3                       | -2.2                       | 0.1                        |  |
| PERSONAL LOANS                   | 504.4                         | -7.0                       | -13.6                      | -9.3                       |  |
| TOTAL                            | 2,303.5                       | -8.2                       | -9.5                       | 2.5                        |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> A loan facility was reclassified from Transport to Professional Services.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes Government Services, Financial Institutions, and Entertainment.

Table A.7: Sectoral Composition of Credit Unions' Loans and Advances

|                                  |                   |                | Chama              | \$mr                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|
|                                  | Position          | Jan 2022       | Change<br>Dec 2021 | s During<br>Dec 2020 |
|                                  | as at<br>Feb 2022 | to<br>Feb 2022 | to<br>Feb 2022     | to<br>Feb 2021       |
| PRIMARY SECTOR                   | 63.0              | -1.6           | -0.9               | -2.2                 |
| Agriculture                      | 53.8              | -1.5           | -0.6               | -2.0                 |
| Sugar                            | 5.8               | -0.3           | -0.4               | -0.2                 |
| Citrus                           | 1.4               | 0.0            | 0.0                | 0.0                  |
| Bananas                          | 0.7               | 0.0            | 0.0                | 0.0                  |
| Other                            | 45.9              | -1.2           | -0.2               | -1.8                 |
| Marine Products                  | 8.8               | -0.2           | -0.3               | -0.1                 |
| Forestry                         | 0.1               | 0.1            | 0.0                | 0.0                  |
| Mining and Exploration           | 0.3               | 0.0            | 0.0                | -0.1                 |
| SECONDARY SECTOR                 | 215.6             | 0.2            | -0.4               | -3.4                 |
| Manufacturing                    | 25.8              | 0.1            | 0.4                | -0.1                 |
| <b>Building and Construction</b> | 185.0             | -1.5           | -2.3               | -3.2                 |
| Residential                      | 94.0              | -0.4           | -0.1               | 2.0                  |
| Home Improvement                 | 74.6              | -0.7           | -1.6               | -4.5                 |
| Commercial                       | 14.0              | -0.1           | -0.2               | -0.6                 |
| Infrastructure                   | 2.4               | -0.3           | -0.4               | -0.1                 |
| Utilities                        | 4.8               | 1.6            | 1.5                | -0.1                 |
| TERTIARY SECTOR                  | 105.1             | -0.8           | -2.7               | -5.7                 |
| Transport                        | 1.1               | 0.0            | -0.1               | 0.0                  |
| Tourism                          | 0.7               | -0.1           | -0.1               | 0.0                  |
| Distribution                     | 20.5              | 0.1            | -1.2               | 2.2                  |
| Real Estate                      | 68.7              | -1.4           | -1.7               | -7.5                 |
| Residential                      | 3.5               | 0.0            | 0.0                | 0.0                  |
| Commercial                       | 36.1              | -1.5           | -1.6               | -4.8                 |
| Land Acquisition                 | 29.1              | 0.1            | -0.1               | -2.8                 |
| Other <sup>(1)</sup>             | 14.1              | 0.6            | 0.4                | -0.4                 |
| PERSONAL LOANS                   | 246.2             | -1.9           | -3.7               | -2.4                 |
| TOTAL                            | 629.9             | -4.0           | -7.5               | -13.7                |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Government Services, Financial Institutions, Professional Services, and Entertainment.

Table A.8: Domestic Banks' Liquidity Position and Cash Reserves

|  |                               |                            |                            | \$mn                       |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |                               | C                          | hanges Duri                | ng                         |
|  | Position<br>as at<br>Feb 2022 | Jan 2022<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2021<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2020<br>to<br>Feb 2021 |
| Holdings of Approved Liquid Assets                       | 1,478.2                       | 24.6                       | 36.1                       | 69.7                       |
| Notes and Coins  | 99.0                          | -7.6                       | 1.3                        | -9.9                       |
| Balances with Central Bank                               | 643.8                         | 51.2                       | -0.8                       | 30.6                       |
| Money at Call and Foreign Balances (due 90 days)         | 539.8                         | 16.4                       | 52.8                       | 47.4                       |
| Central Government Securities maturing within 90 days(1) | 167.0                         | -30.3                      | -19.3                      | -3.0                       |
| Other Approved Assets                                    | 28.5                          | -4.9                       | 2.1                        | 4.7                        |
| Required Liquid Assets                                   | 756.1                         | 5.1                        | 12.4                       | 11.8                       |
| Excess Liquid Assets                                     | 722.0                         | 19.6                       | 23.7                       | 57.9                       |
| Daily Average Holdings of Cash Reserves                  | 644.2                         | 42.9                       | -1.6                       | 27.3                       |
| Required Cash Reserves                                   | 234.0                         | 1.6                        | 3.8                        | 3.7                        |
| Excess Cash Reserves                                     | 410.2                         | 41.4                       | -5.4                       | 23.6                       |
| Actual Securities Balances <sup>(2)</sup>                | 130.3                         | -36.0                      | -37.5                      | -14.0                      |
| Excess Securities  | 130.3                         | -36.0                      | -37.5                      | -14.0                      |

Table A.9: Domestic Banks' Weighted Average Interest Rates

|                          |                               |                            |                            | Percent                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
|                          | Changes During                |                            |                            |                            |
|                          | Position<br>as at<br>Feb 2022 | Jan 2022<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2021<br>to<br>Feb 2022 | Dec 2020<br>to<br>Feb 2021 |
| Weighted Lending Rates   |                               |                            |                            |                            |
| Personal Loans           | 10.20                         | 0.04                       | 0.04                       | -0.07                      |
| Commercial Loans         | 8.34                          | 0.20                       | 0.13                       | 0.12                       |
| Residential Construction | 7.77                          | 0.84                       | 0.85                       | 0.00                       |
| Other                    | 6.54                          | -0.06                      | -0.05                      | 0.00                       |
| Weighted Average         | 8.66                          | 0.28                       | 0.24                       | 0.04                       |
| Weighted Deposit Rates   |                               |                            |                            |                            |
| Demand                   | 0.10                          | 0.00                       | 0.00                       | 0.00                       |
| Savings/Chequing         | 0.49                          | -0.01                      | 0.00                       | 0.00                       |
| Savings                  | 2.67                          | -0.10                      | 0.03                       | 0.00                       |
| Time                     | 2.25                          | -0.13                      | 0.01                       | 0.05                       |
| Weighted Average         | 1.26                          | -0.06                      | 0.01                       | 0.00                       |
| Weighted Average Spread  | 7.41                          | 0.34                       | 0.23                       | 0.04                       |

<sup>(1)</sup> Four week average of domestic banks' Treasury bill holdings.
(2) Face value of domestic banks' Treasury bill holdings at the end of the month.

Table A.10: Domestic Banks' (Rolling) Weighted Average Interest Rates on New Loans and Deposits

Percent **Changes During** Twelve Month Rolling Averages at Sept 2021 Jan 2022 Feb 2021 to to to Feb 2022 Feb 2022 Jan 2022 Sept 2021 Feb 2021 Feb 2022 Feb 2022 Weighted Lending Rates Personal Loans 10.26 10.21 10.09 9.74 0.04 0.17 0.51 Commercial Loans 8.19 8.12 0.06 8.18 8.25 -0.01 -0.06 7.71 Residential Construction 8.62 8.57 8.03 0.05 0.60 0.92 6.81 0.05 Other 6.71 6.66 6.48 -0.10 0.23 8.70 Weighted Average 8.69 8.54 8.52 0.01 0.16 0.19 Weighted Deposit Rates Demand 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Savings/Chequing 0.64 0.68 0.47 0.45 -0.04 0.17 0.19 Savings 2.46 2.45 2.44 2.61 0.01 0.02 -0.15 Time 2.84 2.79 2.67 2.46 0.04 0.16 0.38 Weighted Average 2.08 2.04 2.16 2.00 0.04 -0.08 0.08 Weighted Average Spread 6.63 6.65 6.38 6.52 -0.02 0.25 0.11

**Table A.11:** Production of Main Domestic Exports

|                                  | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sugarcane Deliveries (long tons) | 390,143           | 445,413           |
| Sugar (long tons)                | 35,427            | 41,806            |
| Molasses (long tons)             | 11,450            | 14,141            |
| Bananas (metric tons)            | 11,418            | 11,547            |
| Citrus Deliveries (boxes)        | 543,642           | 337,232           |
| Citrus Juices ('000 ps)          | 3,009             | 1,870             |
| Marine Exports ('000 lbs)        | 330               | 227               |

Sources: BSI, Santander Group, BGA, CPBL, and SIB

**Table A.12:** Domestic Exports

|                        |                   | \$mn              |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                        | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
| Sugar                  | 12.5              | 6.3               |
| Molasses               | 0.0               | 0.0               |
| Bananas                | 3.9               | 3.3               |
| Citrus Juices          | 12.3              | 12.5              |
| Other Domestic Exports | 5.9               | 6.3               |
| Marine Exports         | 11.9              | 17.3              |
| Total                  | 46.5              | 45.6              |

Sources: BSI, Santander Group, BGA, CPBL, SIB, and Geology and Petroleum Department

Table A.13: Gross Imports by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)(1)

|   |           |                  | \$mn      |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------|
|   | Jan - Feb | Jan - Feb        | Jan - Feb |
|   | 2020      | 2021             | 2022      |
| Food, Beverages, and Tobacco              | 41.8      | 51. <del>4</del> | 47.6      |
| Fuels, Lubricants, and Crude Materials    | 57.9      | 38.5             | 67.8      |
| Of which: Electricity                     | 9.4       | 4.7              | 9.4       |
| Oils, Fats, and Chemicals                 | 30.6      | 30.5             | 43.9      |
| Manufactured Goods and Other Manufactures | 63.6      | 62.9             | 80.1      |
| Machinery and Transport Equipment         | 71.4      | 50.5             | 81.7      |
| Other Goods                               | 0.2       | 0.7              | 0.7       |
| Designated Processing Areas               | 4.8       | 5.0              | 8.1       |
| Commercial Free Zone                      | 50.3      | 36.9             | 78.4      |
| Total                                     | 320.7     | 276.4            | 408.6     |

Sources: SIB and BEL

**Table A.14:** Tourist Arrivals

|                             | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Air                         | 12,909            | 48,699            |
| Land                        | 1,197             | 4,216             |
| Sea                         | 461               | 287               |
| Stay-over Visitors          | 14,567            | 53,202            |
| Cruise Ship Disembarkations | 0                 | 94,854            |

Sources: BTB, CBB, and Immigration and Nationality Department

<sup>(1)</sup> Imports are valued at cost, insurance, and freight.

Table A.15: Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index Components by Major Commodity Group

|  |         |          |          |                              | % Change                     |
|--|---------|----------|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Major Commodity  | Weights | Jan 2022 | Feb 2022 | Feb 2022<br>over<br>Jan 2022 | YTD 2022<br>over<br>YTD 2021 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages                                       | 195     | 105.4    | 106.7    | 1.2                          | 3.1                          |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and Narcotics                          | 17      | 101.2    | 101.5    | 0.3                          | 1.0                          |
| Clothing and Footwear  | 83      | 101.3    | 101.3    | 0.1                          | 1.4                          |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels                      | 265     | 103.1    | 103.6    | 0.5                          | 2.0                          |
| Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance     | 69      | 102.3    | 102.8    | 0.5                          | 2.6                          |
| Health   | 41      | 102.3    | 102.6    | 0.3                          | 1.3                          |
| Transport  | 136     | 118.3    | 122.4    | 3.5                          | 16.2                         |
| Information and Communication  | 33      | 100.0    | 99.1     | -0.9                         | -0.5                         |
| Recreation, Sport, and Culture   | 69      | 100.3    | 100.8    | 0.5                          | 0.2                          |
| Education Services   | 32      | 99.9     | 99.9     | 0.0                          | -0.1                         |
| Restaurants and Accommodation Services                                 | 7       | 105.0    | 106.3    | 1.2                          | 4.9                          |
| Insurance and Financial Services                                       | 21      | 100.0    | 99.8     | -0.2                         | -0.1                         |
| Personal Care, Social Protection, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 31      | 100.4    | 100.7    | 0.3                          | 0.4                          |
| All Items  | 1,000   | 105.4    | 106.6    | 1.1                          | 4.3                          |

Source: SIB

Table A.16: Sugarcane Deliveries and Production of Sugar and Molasses

|                                     | Feb<br>2021 | Feb<br>2022 | Dec - Feb<br>2020/2021 | Dec - Feb<br>2021/2022 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Deliveries of Sugarcane (long tons) | 274,954     | 264,128     | 406,589                | 448,564                |
| Sugar Processed (long tons)         | 25,902      | 25,952      | 36,114                 | 42,001                 |
| Molasses Processed (long tons)      | 8,903       | 8,998       | 11,450                 | 14,141                 |
| Performance                         |             |             |                        |                        |
| Factory Time Efficiency (%)         | 97.8        | 98.5        | 96.6                   | 96.5                   |
| Cane Purity (%)                     | 84.1        | 85.1        | 83.7                   | 84.6                   |
| Cane/Sugar                          | 10.6        | 10.2        | 11.3                   | 10.8                   |

Sources: BSI and Santander Group

**Table A.17:** Sugar and Molasses Exports

|          | Feb 2              | 021               | Feb 2              | 022               | Jan - Fel          | 2021              | Jan - Fel          | 2022              |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
|          | Volume (long tons) | Value<br>(\$'000) |
| Sugar    | 15,160             | 11,988            | 2,421              | 2,657             | 15,573             | 12,478            | 5,477              | 6,277             |
| Europe   | 13,955             | 10,649            | 1,634              | 1,821             | 14,368             | 11,139            | 3,952              | 4,469             |
| US       | 0                  | 0                 | 49                 | 58                | 0                  | 0                 | 49                 | 58                |
| CARICOM  | 1,205              | 1,339             | 738                | 778               | 1,205              | 1,339             | 1,476              | 1,749             |
| Other    | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 |
| Molasses | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 | 0                  | 0                 |

Sources: BSI and Santander Group

Table A.18: Citrus Deliveries and Production

|                           | Feb<br>2021 | Feb<br>2022 | Oct - Feb<br>2020/2021 | Oct - Feb<br>2021/2022 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Deliveries (boxes)        |             |             |                        |                        |
| Orange                    | 337,273     | 231,367     | 532,990                | 366,164                |
| Grapefruit                | 41,525      | 4,005       | 93,490                 | 113,243                |
| Total                     | 378,798     | 235,372     | 626,480                | 479,407                |
| Concentrate Produced (ps) |             |             |                        |                        |
| Orange                    | 1,927,482   | 1,347,349   | 3,013,449              | 2,044,133              |
| Grapefruit                | 117,824     | 12,542      | 300,968                | 426,635                |
| Total                     | 2,045,306   | 1,359,891   | 3,314,417              | 2,470,768              |
| Not from concentrate (ps) |             |             |                        |                        |
| Orange                    | 0           | 0           | 0                      | 0                      |
| Grapefruit                | 34,782      | 0           | 34,782                 | 14,853                 |
| Total                     | 34,782      | 0           | 34,782                 | 14,853                 |
| Pulp (pounds)             |             |             |                        |                        |
| Orange                    | 259,064     | 184,864     | 365,912                | 245,920                |
| Grapefruit                | 0           | 5,936       | 25,440                 | 214,544                |
| Total                     | 0           | 190,800     | 391,352                | 460,464                |
| Oil Produced (pounds)     |             |             |                        |                        |
| Orange                    | 110,800     | 72,846      | 167,100                | 111,122                |
| Grapefruit                | 5,300       | 500         | 11,800                 | 18,500                 |
| Total                     | 116,100     | 73,346      | 178,900                | 129,622                |

Source: CPBL

**Table A.19:** Citrus Product Exports

|                          | Feb 2                     | 2021              | Feb                       | 2022              | Jan - Fe                  | b 2021            | Jan - F                   | eb 2022           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
|                          | Pound<br>Solids<br>('000) | Value<br>(\$'000) | Pound<br>Solids<br>('000) | Value<br>(\$'000) | Pound<br>Solids<br>('000) | Value<br>(\$'000) | Pound<br>Solids<br>('000) | Value<br>(\$'000) |
| Citrus Concentrates      |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| US                       |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Orange                   | 0.0                       | 55                | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 55                | 0.0                       | 0                 |
| Grapefruit               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 |
| CARICOM                  |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Orange                   | 415.3                     | 1,438             | 720.8                     | 2,525             | 642.2                     | 2,206             | 892.1                     | 2,978             |
| Grapefruit               | 32.2                      | 170               | 5.5                       | 29                | 64.3                      | 334               | 7.6                       | 39                |
| Europe                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Orange                   | 142.0                     | 329               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 533.1                     | 1,282             | 0.0                       | C                 |
| Grapefruit               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | C                 |
| Other                    |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Orange                   | 1.2                       | 5                 | 9.5                       | 38                | 1.2                       | 5                 | 9.5                       | 38                |
| Grapefruit               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 0.0                       | 0                 | 30.0                      | 164               |
| Sub-Total <sup>(1)</sup> | 590.7                     | 1,998             | 735.8                     | 2,592             | 1,240.8                   | 3,882             | 939.2                     | 3,220             |
| Orange                   | 558.4                     | 1,827             | 730.2                     | 2,563             | 1,176.5                   | 3,548             | 901.5                     | 3,016             |
| Grapefruit               | 32.2                      | 170               | 5.5                       | 29                | 64.3                      | 334               | 37.6                      | 204               |
| Not-From-Concentrate     |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Sub-Total                | 6.7                       | 31                | 5.3                       | 41                | 6.7                       | 31                | 5.3                       | 41                |
| Orange                   | 6.7                       | 31                | 0.0                       | 0                 | 6.7                       | 31                | 0.0                       | C                 |
| Grapefruit               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 5.3                       | 41                | 0.0                       | 0                 | 5.3                       | 41                |
| Total Citrus Juices      | 597.4                     | 2,029             | 741.0                     | 2,633             | 1,247.5                   | 3,913             | 944.4                     | 3,261             |
| Pulp (pounds '000)       |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |                           |                   |
| Total <sup>(1)</sup>     | 239.3                     | 18                | 158.1                     | 132               | 656.9                     | 89                | 383.3                     | 113               |
| Orange                   | 239.3                     | 18                | 108.5                     | 84                | 603.9                     | 46                | 280.7                     | 22                |
| Grapefruit               | 0.0                       | 0                 | 49.6                      | 48                | 53.0                      | 43                | 102.6                     | 91                |

Table A.20: Banana Exports

|                      | Feb<br>2021 | Feb<br>2022 | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Volume (metric tons) | 5,599       | 5,546       | 11,418            | 11,547            |
| Value (\$'000)       | 6,020       | 5,957       | 12,276            | 12,452            |

Source: BGA

Source: CPBL (1) Values may not be equal to total due to rounding.

**Table A.21:** Marine Exports

|            | Jan - Feb               | 2021              | Jan - Feb 2022          |                   |  |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
|            | Volume<br>('000 pounds) | Value<br>(\$'000) | Volume<br>('000 pounds) | Value<br>(\$'000) |  |
| Lobster    | 129                     | 3,583             | 93                      | 3,964             |  |
| Shrimp     | 51                      | 242               | 13                      | 110               |  |
| Conch      | 149                     | 2,079             | 121                     | 2,220             |  |
| Other Fish | 0                       | 0                 | 0                       | 0                 |  |
| Total      | 330                     | 5,904             | 227                     | 6,294             |  |

Source: SIB

**Table A.22:** Other Domestic Exports

|                                 | Jan - Feb<br>2021 | Jan - Feb<br>2022 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other Domestic Exports (\$'000) | 11,944            | 17,267            |
| Of which:                       |                   |                   |
| Pepper Sauce                    | 1,166             | 763               |
| Red Kidney Beans                | 1,162             | 1,429             |
| Orange Oil                      | 23                | 313               |
| Grapefruit Oil                  | 110               | 74                |
| Animal Feed                     | 5,041             | 7,737             |

Source: SIB

Table A.23: Central Government's Revenue and Expenditure

\$'000

|   |                                 |                             |                             |                             |  | \$'000                          |  |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
|   | Approved<br>Budget<br>2021/2022 | Jan 2020<br>to<br>Sept 2020 | Jan 2021<br>to<br>Sept 2021 | Apr 2020<br>to<br>Sept 2020 | Apr 2021<br>to<br>Sept 2021 <sup>p</sup> | Fiscal YTD<br>as %<br>of Budget |  |
| TOTAL REVENUE & GRANTS (1+2+3)          | 1,038,188                       | 742,710                     | 734,267                     | 451,506                     | 512,391                                  | 49.4%                           |  |
| 1). Current Revenue                     | 965,460                         | 709,970                     | 719,928                     | 423,109                     | 502,695                                  | 52.1%                           |  |
| Tax Revenue                             | 884,421                         | 647,716                     | 669,750                     | 384,252                     | 467,387                                  | 52.8%                           |  |
| Income and Profits                      | 247,498                         | 185,626                     | 141,884                     | 111,949                     | 92,365                                   | 37.3%                           |  |
| Taxes on Property                       | 6,485                           | 5,208                       | 7,297                       | 2,708                       | 4,946                                    | 76.3%                           |  |
| Taxes on Goods and Services             | 492,777                         | 362,001                     | 399,935                     | 212,505                     | 284,583                                  | 57.8%                           |  |
| International Trade and Transactions    | 137,661                         | 94,880                      | 120,635                     | 57,090                      | 85,493                                   | 62.1%                           |  |
| Non-Tax Revenue                         | 81,039                          | 62,254                      | 50,178                      | 38,856                      | 35,308                                   | 43.6%                           |  |
| Property Income                         | 4,945                           | 7,834                       | 7,125                       | 5,967                       | 5,054                                    | 102.2%                          |  |
| Licences                                | 13,071                          | 14,456                      | 11,637                      | 5,957                       | 7,373                                    | 56.4%                           |  |
| Other                                   | 63,023                          | 39,963                      | 31,416                      | 26,932                      | 22,881                                   | 36.3%                           |  |
| 2). Capital Revenue                     | 5,366                           | 12,062                      | 2,181                       | 10,566                      | 1,590                                    | 29.6%                           |  |
| 3). Grants                              | 67,361                          | 20,678                      | 12,158                      | 17,832                      | 8,106                                    | 12.0%                           |  |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1+2)                 | 1,204,506                       | 1,011,244                   | 843,198                     | 635,492                     | 539,743                                  | 44.8%                           |  |
| 1). Current Expenditure                 | 905,943                         | 765,174                     | 694,569                     | 467,949                     | 449,927                                  | 49.7%                           |  |
| Wages and Salaries                      | 413,651                         | 346,002                     | 319,932                     | 229,561                     | 208,262                                  | 50.3%                           |  |
| Pensions                                | 91,018                          | 66,410                      | 71,095                      | 44,154                      | 48,202                                   | 53.0%                           |  |
| Goods and Services                      | 175,558                         | 157,048                     | 143,811                     | 87,132                      | 88,825                                   | 50.6%                           |  |
| Interest Payments on Public Debt        | 68,345                          | 75,206                      | 47,583                      | 32,362                      | 33,074                                   | 48.4%                           |  |
| Subsidies and Current Transfers         | 157,371                         | 120,509                     | 112,148                     | 74,740                      | 71,564                                   | 45.5%                           |  |
| 2). Capital Expenditure and Net Lending | 298,562                         | 246,070                     | 148,629                     | 167,543                     | 89,816                                   | 30.1%                           |  |
| Capital II (Local Sources)              | 110,053                         | 123,420                     | 82,318                      | 97,306                      | 46,412                                   | 42.2%                           |  |
| Capital III (Foreign Sources)           | 186,210                         | 119,052                     | 65,701                      | 66,853                      | 42,999                                   | 23.1%                           |  |
| Capital Transfer and Net Lending        | 2,299                           | 3,598                       | 609                         | 3,384                       | 405                                      | 17.6%                           |  |
| CURRENT BALANCE                         | 59,517                          | -55,204                     | 25,359                      | -44,841                     | 52,768                                   | 88.7%                           |  |
| PRIMARY BALANCE                         | -97,973                         | -193,328                    | -61,348                     | -151,624                    | 5,722                                    | -5.8%                           |  |
| OVERALL BALANCE                         | -166,318                        | -268,534                    | -108,931                    | -183,986                    | -27,352                                  | 16.4%                           |  |
| Primary Balance Less Grants             | -165,335                        | -214,007                    | -73,506                     | -169,455                    | -2,384                                   | 1.4%                            |  |
| Overall Balance Less Grants             | -233,679                        | -289,212                    | -121,089                    | -201,818                    | -35,458                                  | 15.2%                           |  |
| FINANCING                               | 166,318                         | 268,534                     | 108,931                     | 183,986                     | 27,352                                   |                                 |  |
| Domestic Financing                      |                                 | 73,770                      | -52,406                     | 26,169                      | -109,731                                 |                                 |  |
| Central Bank                            |                                 | 6,648                       | 2,595                       | -62,309                     | -74,287                                  |                                 |  |
| Net Borrowing                           |                                 | 93,885                      | 13,266                      | 33,893                      | -55,311                                  |                                 |  |
| Change in Deposits                      |                                 | -87,237                     | -10,670                     | -96,203                     | -18,975                                  |                                 |  |
| Commercial Banks                        |                                 | 38,701                      | -18,746                     | 57,066                      | -15,527                                  |                                 |  |
| Net Borrowing                           |                                 | 53,195                      | 2,005                       | 65,677                      | -3,933                                   |                                 |  |
| Change in Deposits                      |                                 | -14,494                     | -20,751                     | -8,611                      | -11,594                                  |                                 |  |
| International Banks                     |                                 | 0                           | 0                           | 0,011                       | 0  |                                 |  |
|   |                                 |                             | -36,256                     | 31,412                      | -19,918                                  |                                 |  |
| Other Domestic Financing                |                                 | 28,421                      |                             |                             |  |                                 |  |
| Financing Abroad                        |                                 | 178,943                     | 64,446                      | 149,131                     | 49,654                                   |                                 |  |
| Disbursements                           |                                 | 238,091                     | 121,217                     | 190,432                     | 86,703                                   |                                 |  |
| Amortisation                            |                                 | -59,148                     | -56,772                     | -41,301                     | -37,049                                  |                                 |  |
| Other                                   |                                 | 15,820                      | 96,891                      | 8,687                       | 87,430                                   |                                 |  |

Sources: CBB and MOF P - Provisional

Table A.24: Central Government's Domestic Debt

\$'000

|                             | Disbursed                              | TRANSA                                      | Disbursed                                   |          |   |  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---|----------|---|--|
|                             | Outstanding Debt 31/12/21 <sup>R</sup> | Disbursement/<br>New Issue of<br>Securities | Amortisation/<br>Reduction in<br>Securities | Interest | Net Change in<br>Overdraft/<br>Securities | Outstanding<br>Debt<br>28/02/22 <sup>p</sup> |
| Overdraft/Loans             | 0                                      | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   | 0  |
| Central Bank                | 0                                      | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   | 0  |
| Domestic Banks              | 0                                      | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   | 0  |
| Treasury Bills              | 245,000                                | 0   | 0   | 781      | 0   | 245,000                                      |
| Central Bank                | 64,730                                 | 0   | 0   | 251      | 31,007                                    | 95,737                                       |
| Domestic Banks              | 167,571                                | 0   | 0   | 432      | -27,556                                   | 140,015                                      |
| Other                       | 12,699                                 | 0   | 0   | 98       | -3,451                                    | 9,248  |
| Treasury Notes              | 977,800                                | 0   | 0   | 6,692    | 0   | 977,800                                      |
| Central Bank                | 546,515                                | 0   | 0   | 3,870    | 18  | 546,533                                      |
| Domestic Banks              | 158,435                                | 0   | 0   | 336      | 0   | 158,435                                      |
| Other                       | 272,850                                | 0   | 0   | 2,486    | -18                                       | 272,832                                      |
| Belize Bank Limited(1)      | 91,000                                 | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   | 91,000                                       |
| Social Security Board(2)    | 100                                    | 0   | 16  | 2        | 0   | 84   |
| Fort Street Tourism Village | 702                                    | 0   | 128   | 0        | 0   | 574  |
| Debt for Nature Swap        | 1,205                                  | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   | 1,205  |
| Total                       | 1,315,807                              | 0   | 143   | 7,476    | 0   | 1,315,664                                    |

R - Revised

P - Provisional

<sup>(1)</sup> Caribbean Court of Justice award in November 2017 against the Government of Belize in favour of Belize Bank relating to the loan guarantee.

<sup>(2)</sup> Government has outstanding loan with Social Security Board for Hopeville Housing Project.

Table A.25: Public Sector External Debt

\$'000 TRANSACTIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 2022 Disbursed Disbursed Outstanding Interest & Outstanding Debt Principal Other **Parity** Debt Payments 31/12/21R Disbursements **Payments** Change 28/02/22P CENTRAL GOVERNMENT 2,433,035 8,826 8,444 4,493 2 2,433,418 Government of Venezuela(1) 429,692 0 0 0 429,692 0 Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development 31,974 0 683 300 -34 31,257 45,714 Mega International Commercial Bank Company Limited 45,714 0 0 614 0 Republic of China/Taiwan 279,216 0 0 817 0 279,216 0 308,652 307,991 6,744 6,083 2,192 Caribbean Development Bank 0 0 3,000 **CARICOM Development Fund** 3,000 0 0 **European Economic Community** 4,191 0 0 0 41 4,232 Inter-American Development Bank 298,996 0 1,679 224 0 297,317 International Fund for Agriculture Development 8,046 0 0 25 -5 8,040 0 0 0 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 75,228 0 75,228 OPEC Fund for International Development 165,088 2,082 0 322 0 167,171 21,299 0 0 0 21,299 Central American Bank for Economic Integration 0 Belize Blue Investment Company, LLC 728,000 0 0 0 0 728,000 0 0 0 0 US \$30mn Fixed-Rate Notes 34,600 34,600 NON-FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR 643 3,041 0 66,483 68,881 1,253 Caribbean Development Bank 35,826 643 1,097 314 0 35,372 International Cooperation and Development Fund 33,056 0 1,944 939 0 31,111 FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR 175,106 0 455 372 -390 174,262 0 455 372 0 46,719 Caribbean Development Bank 47,174 0 0 0 22 European Investment Bank 2,209 2,231 Inter-American Development Bank 0 0 0 0 4,000 4,000 International Monetary Fund 121,723 0 0 0 -411 121,311

**GRAND TOTAL** 

9,469

11,940

6,119

-388

2,674,164

2,677,023

R - Revised

P - Provisional

<sup>(1)</sup> Since September 2017, debt service payments for oil imports have been suspended due to U.S. sanctions on Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. Unpaid debt service payments up to the end of February 2022 amounted to principal of \$77.4mn and interest of \$16.8mn.